

PAID BED RESERVATION POLICY

The types of Medicaid reimbursable absences from a long-term care institution are as follows:

- A. INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION. Up to 8 days may be paid per recipient per hospitalization for nursing facility recipients. Up to 15 days per hospitalization for recipients in state mental health hospital and ICFs/MR. There is no annual maximum.
- B. INFIRMARY STAYS FOR ICF/MR RECIPIENTS. Up to 15 days may be paid per recipient per infirmory stay, with an annual maximum of 30 days. The general circumstances under which a recipient might be temporarily placed in an infirmory must be described in their plan of care. The plan must state that in the event of an acute medical condition such as, but not limited to, suspected contagious conditions, fevers of unknown origin, reaction to medication, regulating seizure medication, minor illnesses, injuries, and any other instances where round-the-clock observation would be in the best interest of the safety and welfare of the client, that they may be admitted to the infirmory by the attending physician. This admission would be limited to 15 consecutive days, at which time the client must be returned to the ICF/MR, hospitalized, or discharged from the ICF/MR if they remain in the infirmory. No client would be allowed more than 30 total infirmory days in any 12 month period. This applies only to recipients in ICF/MR facilities and does not apply to any other long term care facility covered in the plan.
- . HOME VISITS.
 - (1) Nursing facility recipients: Up to 16 days per state fiscal year, July 1 - June 30. The recipient's plan of care must provide for home visits. The visit must be to a home setting. There are no exceptions to these requirements.
 - (2) State Mental Health Hospital recipients: Up to 30 days per state fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). Each visit over three consecutive days must be prior authorized. The recipient's plan of care must provide for home visits. The visit must be to a home setting. There are no exceptions to these requirements.
- D. THERAPEUTIC LEAVE DAYS, ICF/MR. ICF/MR recipients: Up to 45 days per state fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) for therapeutic leave. A therapeutic leave day is defined as a temporary absence from the facility with the reason for the absence included as part of the recipient's habilitation plan. Exceptions to the 45 day limit may be granted only by the district administrator or designated representative.

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